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Dear Colleague:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services' Office of Minority and Multicultural Health (OMMH) is pleased to invite you to join us in celebrating Minority and Multicultural Health Month—September 2006. The theme this year is **"Take Action to Eliminate Health Disparities."**

OMMH encourages New Jersey health care providers and community and faith-based organizations to sponsor health screenings and other activities promoting healthy lifestyles including healthy eating and exercise throughout the month of September. We want to emphasize the fact that preventing and controlling chronic diseases includes making positive changes in lifestyle, having regular checkups, staying informed and communicating with health care providers.

The Office of Minority and Multicultural Health will publish a September 2006 calendar of events in which we will highlight programs and activities that promote access to health care, improve the quality of care, address cultural and linguistic competence. Your event(s) will be included on the calendar which will be published and distributed throughout the state, as well as posted on the OMMH website. Please check the OMMH website (<http://www.state.nj.us/health/commiss/omh/whatsnew.shtml>) frequently for announcements and activities regarding Minority and Multicultural Health Month.

Send in your events by completing the attached form and returning it by mail or fax to Jose A. Gonzalez (609-292-8713) no later than July 10, 2006.

We look forward to receiving your calendar announcement. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Gonzalez at (609) 292-6962 or jose.gonzalez@doh.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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